

REMARKS

With this Response, claims 10 and 33 are amended to correct informalities. Applicants respectfully request that claims 19-23 and 42-46 be canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-18, 24-26, 28-35, and 37-41 are pending.

Claim Objections

Claims 10 and 33 were objected to for informalities. Specifically, the acronym "SU" was requested to be spelled out. Applicants have amended claims 10 and 33 herein to correct this informality.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-18, 24-26, 28-35, and 37-41 were found to be allowable. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims herein, and thus note that only the allowed claims remain pending in this case.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19-23 and 42-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. These claims have been canceled; therefore, rejection of these claims is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 19-23 and 42-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,960,350 issued to Schorman et al. (*Schorman*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,989 issued to Moore et al. (*Moore*). These claims have been canceled; therefore, rejection of these claims is moot.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been overcome herein. Therefore, all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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